

# TROY HERALD.

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## The Farmers Declaration.

The farmers of Illinois celebrated the Fourth of July in their own way this year. Instead of the Declaration of Independence from British tyranny, the farmers Declaration of Independence from political and sectional tyranny was read. The documents drawn up by Thomas Jefferson, setting forth the reasons why our ancestors established a government of their own, is well enough to call to mind glorious recollections of that day, and to illustrate the principles of men who inaugurated a free and a pure government, but at this day, when our government is confessedly no longer pure, and grave apprehensions everywhere exist that the government through the influence of monopolies and of sectional parties is becoming less free and more tyrannical in its attitude to the great masses who are its bone and sinew—the farming element—a new declaration is necessary. While it is our duty to reverence the memory of the patriots and statesmen who freed us from foreign rule, it is no less our duty to emulate their example and devote our energies to the task of freeing ourselves from the burdens of sectional tyranny.

This fact is appreciated by the farmers of Illinois. They are bringing all their force to the accomplishment of the end in view. It can be accomplished. If the farmers of Illinois will stand firm and united in the line of duty they have marked out, and not suffer themselves to be divided and confused by party politicians, their success is certain. They have accomplished much, while their organization is yet in its infancy. Proverbially slow to act, the farming community has long borne with many and grievous evils; but with it the day of forbearance is past. It is thoroughly aroused, and in many states is organized and fully prepared for the work before them. In our own state the work of organization goes bravely on, though much yet remains to be done. Many of the counties have no organizations whatever, and many, like our own, have but a single farmers' club. It is to be hoped that after the busy harvest season is over, our enlightened agriculturalists will turn their attention to this important subject.

That our readers may judge of the spirit that animates the farmers of our sister state, we give the concluding part of the Fourth of July declaration, which was read at their various celebrations: "We, therefore, the producers of this state, in our several counties assembled, on this anniversary of that day that gave birth to a nation of freemen, and to a government of which, despite the corruption of its officers, we are still so justly proud, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do solemnly declare that we will use all lawful and peaceful means to free ourselves from the tyranny of monopoly, and that we will never cease our efforts for reform until every department of our government gives token that the reign of licentious extravagance is over, and frugality with which our fathers inaugurated it has taken place. That to this end we declare ourselves absolutely free and independent of all past political connections, and that we shall give our suffrage only to such men for office, from the lowest officer in the state to the President of the United States, as we have good reason to believe will use their best endeavors to the promotion of these ends; and for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance in divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

The Troy Herald and Dispatch have consolidated, and are now published as one paper, under the title of The Troy Herald. With the practical and editorial experience of Fisher, and the editorial talent of Mudd, the Herald will doubtless assume and hold front rank among the country press. The people should yield it a liberal support, for it is the unfailing index of their prosperity or sluggishness.—Clarksville Sentinel.

Three convict small-pox nurses escaped from the penitentiary hospital on the 2d, and at last accounts were at large.

**FATAL DUEL.**—The "code of honor," as duelling is erroneously styled, seems to be gaining its old prestige, and reports of deadly combats, or contemplated ones, come to us more frequently than for some years past. A tragedy of this nature has just been enacted in Louisiana between Judge Wm. A. Cooley and R. B. Rhett, editor of the Picayune, in which the former was shot through the heart the second round and expired in about six minutes. The duel was fought with double-barreled shot guns, at a distance of forty yards, and grew out of a suit pending against the Picayune, in which Cooley was conducting the prosecution. In his speech for the prosecution he made reflections upon that paper which called forth a stinging editorial, denouncing them as false. Cooley addressed a note to Rhett asking for an explanation, which not being accorded, Cooley published a card assailing Rhett, whereupon the latter challenged him, and on the 1st inst., about five miles from Bay St. Louis, La., in a wild, sandy-looking place, surrounded by the moaning pines, the sad piece of folly ended in the death of Judge Cooley, and the life-burdened conscience of Col. Rhett.

The Rev. Gen. Howard, the colored folks' patron and president of the Howard University, formerly head and front of the Freedmen's Bureau, is in trouble. The people are beginning to demand what has become of a million or so of the money appropriated to that institution. The Rev. General is called upon to rise and explain, and he exhibits a backwardness about coming forward that is extremely modest in a man in his position. It is claimed his subordinate got away with the money, and he is as innocent and pure as the driven snow. Fred Douglas, the colored orator, comes out as one of his champions, and says that the University allowed its professors to be members of its board of trustees, to fix their own salaries, etc., and only being in sympathy with the concern as it benefited their pockets, did the stealing, and when they were deposed, turned their shafts of venom against the pure Howard. The Republican pertinently suggests that if Howard was president, he had the power to change this rascally arrangement, and as he didn't do it, the Rev. General received his reward, which is more than likely.

The Credit Mobilier exposé of last winter developed the fact that the Government was probably being swindled out of its dues by the connection of that corporation with the Union Pacific railroad, and an injunction suit was instituted. The injunction given by the associate judge of the Supreme Court of the United States has been printed. It restrains officers of the company from making any use of its resources or receipts or credits which shall disable them from paying the interest as it shall mature upon all classes of its securities, and also restrains from payment of principal or interest on any securities distributed to, through or by the Credit Mobilier of America.

The question of appointing a successor to Chief Justice Chase is again being agitated. The friends of the numerous aspirants are actively at work, and it is said the question of fitness seems to be secondary to the proposition as to who can get the most numerous recommendations. The South is extremely anxious to have the vacancy filled by a man from that section, and various names have been suggested, among them Judge R. M. Parsons of North Carolina, who has succeeded in obtaining to his petition the signatures of all the judicial and state officials. President Grant will do well to select some good legal mind, regardless of petitions, if he has the judgment to do so.

Eleven thousand five hundred people were killed in the United States in one year, we learn from the last report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, after this fashion: From burns and scalds, 3,891; explosions, 290; falls, 2,074; falling bodies, 712; railroad accidents, 1,580; mining accidents, 365; injuries by machinery, 429; gunshot wounds, 429; other injuries, 1,853; total, 11,574.

The St. Charles Cosmos reports two deaths in that county of sunstroke—Fritz Pieper and a colored man named John Brown.

St. Charles is to have a new jail, at a cost of \$11,800.

**A Touching Incident.**  
Editors Troy Herald: So beautiful an instance of a dog's devotion to his master has come under my own observation lately that I think it merits publication.

Not many miles from Troy there lived for thirty or forty years an old gentleman known and respected throughout the county. In December, 1871, he died and was buried on his farm in the village where he had lived. This gentleman owned for many years before his death a large, handsome, and greatly valued Newfoundland dog, which has become so feeble during the past severe winter, from old age, as to be almost helpless, unable to stir ordinarily beyond the porch; but for the past ten days the old dog has been slowly but very perceptibly dying, and the beautiful part of it is this: When his summons came to die, he, recognizing it as such, decided, with human reason, and more than human love, to meet it near the form of the one he had loved best in life. And so by his anxious, earnest pleading, he induced a member of the family to open three gates which separated him from his master's grave, and when at last by weak steps he reached it, he testified his joy in the most unmistakable manner, wagging his tail violently, rolling over on the green sod, and finally lying down calmly and restfully at its foot.

He has never left it since, except occasionally to stagger home to get water or his meals, and if not given him at once, he returns to the grave without, so fearful does he seem that he may die away from that loved spot. Days that he is too feeble to walk that distance, his mistress sends his meals there to him.

None of the family recollect noticing the dog at the time of his master's funeral, eighteen months ago, but it is presumable he followed the coffin to its last resting place; for, among many other and fresher graves, he never for a moment mistook the one dearest to him, although it was then mid-winter and the grass is now thick and green over the grave.

And there he still lies, quietly passing away, with a look of unutterable peace in his great brown eyes. In mid-day heat and in storm alike, perfectly content so that he die at his master's feet.

Is this mere instinct? Then let man bow his God-like reason to the humble teachings of a dog in sublime devotion and mute constancy! And such devotion merits both grave and monument, for it is seldom, if ever, seen among our human friends. L.

**SAD ACCIDENT.**—The Bowling Green Post says: Last Thursday evening Willie Richards, son of C. B. Richards, of this place, who was working for Mr. Douglas on his farm, two and a half miles from town, was killed in a most shocking manner. Willie had been rolling corn ground with a pair of mules attached to the roller, had been working all day, and had "taken out" to go to the house for the night. After having unhitched the mules, he attempted to get upon the back of one, having a tin bucket on his arm. It is supposed that in the attempt his foot became entangled in the trace chain, which was hung over the hames, and the mules becoming frightened at the bucket started in a brisk run for the house, running on a line parallel with a "stake and ridered" fence, dragging the unfortunate child about one hundred and fifty yards. He was bruised all most to a jelly, his legs broken, also an arm, and his head frightfully mashed and mutilated. Willie was a promising boy, and a universal favorite among his companions, and bore the name of an honest and industrious lad.

The attorney general of Arkansas has brought a suit in the Pulaski Circuit court similar to the one brought by Brooks, setting forth that Baxter was not elected Governor, and asking a judgment of ouster against him.

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